



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

RCE

Application Number	09/490748
Filing Date	January 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Mark P. Bendett
Group Art Unit	2828
Examiner Name	Jeffrey N. Zahn
Attorney Docket Number	1731.002US1
Customer No.	21186
Confirmation No.	7587

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled RARE-EARTH DOPED PHOSPHATE-GLASS LASERS AND ASSOCIATED METHODS.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☒ **An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (16 pages) is enclosed.**
4. ☐ A new power of attorney (pages) is enclosed. 12/15/2003 DTESSEM1 00000055 190743 09490748
5. ☒ **An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pages).** FC:1801 770.00 DA
 - a. ☒ **Form 1449 (1 page)**
 - b. ☒ **Copies of 17 IDS Citations**
6. ☐ A check in the amount of 0.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☐ A petition for extension of time in the prior application (pages) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
9. ☒ **Other: Communication Regarding Related Applications (2 pages).**

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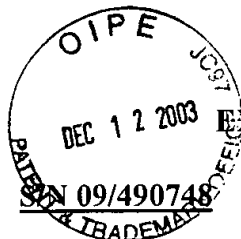
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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2828

PATENT

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

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